



PATENT

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Keisuke Chino et al.) Group Art Unit: 1713
Serial No.: 09/883,239) Examiner: Donald R. Wilson
Filed: June 19, 2001)
For: Thermoplastic Polymer and)
Thermoplastic Elastomer)
Composition)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE

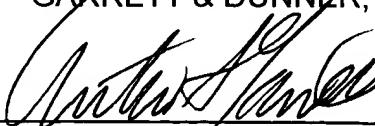
In response to the communication from the Examiner of December 13, 2002, and the election of species requirement set forth in the Office Action of October 17, 2002, applicant elects group (a), namely, thermoplastic polymers comprising side chains having a carbonyl-containing group and a nitrogen-containing heterocycle-containing group, and within that group the specific thermoplastic polymer 12 as set forth on page 69 of the specification.

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Respectfully submitted,

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